

NOTED NEGRO HOTEL MAN.

JAMES WORMLEY, OF WASHINGTON,
WHO WAS ONCE CATERER FOR
A CLUB.

JAMES WORMLEY WAS A famous colored man who made a fortune of \$100,000 in the hotel business and left it to his two sons, says the Boston Transcript. Wormley's hotel is still one of the famous hostleries of the country. Wormley was at one time caterer to a club. Then he began doing catering on his own account, and opened a little place on I street, opposite the Arlington hotel. The fame of his suppers spread, and his place became the resort of some of the most famous men in the Senate and the House a generation ago. Chas. Sumner was one of its regular visitors. Wormley was always very much attached to Mr. Sumner and when the great statesman died it was Wormley's hands that laid out the remains and prepared them for burial. One of Wormley's regular patrons was Samuel Hooper, a member of the house from the Suffolk district, Massachusetts. He lent Wormley the money to build a hotel in Washington. The fame of its table spread far and wide, and a supper at Wormley's was one of the experiences which every visitor to Washington thought he must not miss. There are other hotels larger than the Wormley's and more resplendent now, where the table is even as good as any that can be found in New York, but Wormley's still maintains its reputation. It is in the hands of James Wormley, Jr., to whom his father left it. His brother, W. H. A. Wormley who was for a time in partnership with him, is a caterer. His wealth is estimated at \$50,000.

It was said of the elder Wormley that he was one of the few colored men with whom a white man could talk without the consciousness that he was talking to a negro. A generation or two hence this may disappear; it can not be eradicated in a shorter space of time. But Wormley was an exception to the rule that governs his race. His manner was simple and unaffected, but unmistakably natural and independent. His friends were as often white as black, though his intimates were necessarily all of his own race. He had a great many white friends in the south. When "Bob" Olds was sent north by Jefferson Davis as commissioner from the south for the exchange of prisoners Wormley got up as fine a dinner as he could, had it packed in a basket with several bottles of wine and took it down to Fortress Monroe. There he presented it to Olds. "I knew you hadn't seen a square meal in a long time," he said. The gift was very welcome.

THE census of 1890 gives the statistics of labor and wages in 355,401 manufacturing establishments employing an average of 4,711,852 wage-earners of all classes. These returns show that of the total number 3,491,456 were classed as operatives, including in that description both skilled and unskilled labor, and that the average earnings were \$455 per year, or \$8.75 per week. A separate return of 759,327 doing piece work gave the average yearly earnings as \$393, or \$7.55 per week.

When Rome went down 1,800 men owned all the world. When Babylon went down 2 per cent of her population owned all the wealth. When Egypt went down 2 per cent of her population owned 97 per cent of her wealth. There are about 50,000,000 people in England, Ireland, and Wales and

100,000 own all the United Kingdom. In 1860 there were but two millionaires in the United States and no tramps. Today there are 35,000 millionaires and 1,500,000 tramps. In the United States three-fifths of the entire wealth of the country is owned by 31,000 persons—less than one-twelfth of 1 per cent of the population.—Farmers' Tribune.

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